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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 and 59-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-10 and 59-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 April 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Request for Continued Examination, filed 24 July 2007, to the Original Application, filed 23 April 2001.
2. The rejection of claims 1-2, 4, 6-7, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitledge (U.S. Patent 6,925,595 B1) in view of Spyglass Prism ("Concepts and Applications") has been withdrawn as necessitated by amendment and newly found prior art.
3. The rejection of claims 3 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitledge (U.S. Patent 6,925,595 B1) in view of Spyglass Prism ("Concepts and Applications") and Lonnroth (U.S. Patent 6,826,597 B1) has been withdrawn as necessitated by amendment and newly found prior art.
4. The rejection of claims 5 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitledge (U.S. Patent 6,925,595 B1) in view of Spyglass Prism ("Concepts and Applications") and Arens ("Intelligent Caching: Selecting, Representing, and Reusing Data in an Information Server") has been withdrawn as necessitated by amendment and newly found prior art.

5. The rejection of claims 59-61 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitledge (U.S. Patent 6,925,595 B1) in view of Lee (U.S. Publication 2001/0054031 A1) has been withdrawn as necessitated by newly found prior art.

6. Claims 1-10 and 59-61 are pending. Claims 11-58 and 62-66 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 6, and 59 are independent claims.

Request for Continued Examination

7. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 26 December 2006 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 and 59-61 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitledge (U.S. Patent 6,925,595 B1) in view of Spyglass Prism ("Concepts and Applications") and Lewis (U.S. Patent 6,513,019 B2).

As per independent claims 1 and 6, Whitledge teaches a syndication method and system including a server (See Whitledge, Figure 1).

Whitledge also teaches creating capture templates to harvest content from disparate content sources on multiple platforms (See Whitledge, Column 34, Claim 1, lines 29-35, and Column 26, lines 22-29).

Whitledge also teaches extracting data from the disparate content sources using the created capture templates to control the extraction process (See Whitledge, Column 26, lines 25-31, and Figure 9, element 170).

Whitledge also teaches generating a standardized document from the extraction process and incoming content sources (See Whitledge, Figure 11, and Column 25, lines 26-50).

Whitledge also teaches providing the standardized document for optimized display on one or more different types of platforms (See Whitledge, Column 4, lines 65-67, Column 5, lines 1-17, and Column 8, lines 37-43).

Whitledge does not teach expressly that the document is a data stream.

Spyglass Prism discloses an HTML traffic report represented in real time, which is, therefore, a streaming document (See Spyglass Prism, Page 7).

Whitledge also does not teach expressly acquiring the data from disparate sources.

Lewis teaches acquiring data from disparate sources (See Lewis, Column 1, lines 8-14, and Column 6, lines 7-14).

Whitledge, Spyglass Prism, and Lewis are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor of representing hypertext data.

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the streaming document of Spyglass Prism with the data harvesting system and method of Whitledge. The motivation for doing so would have been to provide a representation of data in real time as needed, such as for applications involving current traffic conditions (See Spyglass Prism, Page 7).

At the time of the invention it would also have been obvious to combine the acquisition of data of Lewis with the data capture templates of Whitledge. The

motivation for doing so would have been to obtain data as requested by the user to be converted to a format as required for display of the data on a specific platform.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Spyglass Prism and Lewis with Whittlege for the benefit of providing a representation of data in real time as needed and for the benefit of obtaining data as requested by the user to be converted to a format as required for display of the data on a specific platform to obtain the invention as specified in claims 1 and 6.

As per dependent claims 2 and 7, Whittlege, Spyglass Prism, and Lewis teach the limitations of claims 1 and 6 as described above. Whittlege also teaches that he content includes HTML content or XML content (See Whittlege, Column 6, lines 3-14).

As per dependent claims 4 and 9, Whittlege, Spyglass Prism, and Lewis teach the limitations of claims 1 and 6 as described above. Whittlege also teaches providing the standardized data stream on personal computer display or an electronic portable device display and generating content and code optimized, personalized for a specific platform, network environment or local market (See Whittlege, Column 8, lines 37-46).

10. Claims 3 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whittlege (U.S. Patent 6,925,595 B1) in view of Spyglass Prism ("Concepts and Applications") and Lewis (U.S. Patent 6,513,019 B2) as applied to claims 1 and 6 above, and further in view of Lonnroth (U.S. Patent 6,826,597 B1).

As per dependent claims 3 and 8, Whitledge, Spyglass Prism, and Lewis teach the limitations of claims 1 and 6 as described above. Whitledge also teaches that the capture templates are to provide an ability to insert new media types and content optimized for a particular platform (See Whitledge, Column 24, lines 41-67, and Column 25, lines 1-2). Whitledge, Spyglass Prism, and Lewis do not teach expressly creating one or more XML files or documents to define rules, logic, and content extraction parameters. Lonnroth teaches that the creating of the capture templates includes creating one or more XML files or documents to define rules, logic, and content extraction parameters (See Lonnroth, Column 2, lines 35-51, Column 3, lines 23-31, and Column 9, lines 39-49). Whitledge, Spyglass Prism, Lewis, and Lonnroth are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor of representing hypertext data. At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to include the creation of XML files to define rules, logic and content extraction parameters of Lonnroth with the method of harvesting data of Whitledge, Spyglass Prism, and Lewis. The motivation for doing so would have been to allow clients to retrieve data from data sources that do not necessarily support the same protocols and formats as the clients (See Lonnroth, Column 3, lines 14-16). Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Lonnroth with Whitledge, Spyglass Prism, and Lewis for the benefit of to allowing clients to retrieve data from data sources that do not necessarily support the same protocols to obtain the invention as specified in claims 3 and 8.

11. Claims 5 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitledge (U.S. Patent 6,925,595 B1) in view of Spyglass Prism ("Concepts and Applications") and Lewis (U.S. Patent 6,513,019 B2) as applied to claims 1 and 6 above, and further in view of Arens ("Intelligent Caching: Selecting, Representing, and Reusing Data in an Information Server").

As per dependent claims 5 and 10, Whitledge, Spyglass Prism, and Lewis teach the limitations of claims 1 and 6 as described above. Whitledge, Spyglass Prism, and Lewis do not teach expressly caching the data stream, templates or content. Arens teaches caching data or information (See Arens, Abstract). Whitledge, Spyglass Prism, Lewis, and Arens are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor of storing and accessing electronic data. At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to include the caching of data of Arens with the data stream, templates and content of Whitledge, Spyglass Prism, and Lewis. The motivation for doing so would have been to reduce the cost of retrieving data (See Arens, Abstract). Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Arens with Whitledge, Spyglass Prism, and Lewis for the benefit of reducing the cost of retrieving data to obtain the invention as specified in claims 5 and 10.

12. Claims 59-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitledge (U.S. Patent 6,925,595 B1) in view of Lewis (U.S. Patent 6,513,019 B2).

As per independent claim 59, Whitledge teaches a method for harvesting content including harvesting content from disparate content sources by accessing content and media assets from a web site on the Internet network based on conversion rules stored in a repository (See Whitledge, Figure 3, Figure 4A, Column 11, lines 58-67, Column 13, lines 45-59, and Table 3).

Whitledge also teaches converting the harvested content based on conversion rules stored in the repository (See Whitledge, Column 6, lines 35-38).

Whitledge does not teach expressly acquisition rules stored in a repository.

Lewis teaches acquisition rules stored in a database (See Lewis, Column 6, lines 7-14).

Whitledge and Lewis are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor of gathering electronic data.

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include the stored acquisition rules of Lewis with the data harvesting method of Whitledge. The motivation for doing so would have been to collect data of specific interest to a user by applying the data collection rules that are specified by the user. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Lewis with Whitledge for the benefit of collecting data of specific interest to a user by applying the data collection rules that are specified by the user to obtain the invention as specified in claim 59.

As per dependent claim 60, Whitledge and Lewis teach the limitations of claim 59 as described above. Whitledge also teaches navigating the web site to locate and access the content and media assets using a web browser, which does not change existing content on a web site (See Whitledge, Figures 10 and 11, Column 25, lines 10-37, and Column 1, lines 62-65).

As per dependent claim 61, Whitledge and Lewis teach the limitations of claim 59 as described above. Whitledge also teaches accessing the content and media assets using an Internet protocol (See Whitledge, Column 2, lines 4-24).

Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laurie Ries whose telephone number is (571) 272-4095.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton, can be reached at (571) 272-4137.

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